

#BUILD25 EDITION | JUNE 2022

INSIGHT

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 25 NEWSLETTER

WHY DISTRICT 25 IS ON THE JUNE 28TH BALLOT?

Addressing Aging Facilities,
Full Day Kindergarten,
& Capacity and Flexibility
in Learning Environments
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D25 BY THE NUMBERS

5,170 MAY, 2022
ENROLLMENT

848
STAFF MEMBERS

9 SCHOOLS
IN THE DISTRICT
7 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
2 MIDDLE SCHOOLS

19.85 STUDENTS
PER CLASS
KINDERGARTEN - 5TH

\$15,094 OPERATIONAL
PER PUPIL
EXPENDITURE

5,138 MAY, 2021
ENROLLMENT

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Let our kids tell you what's happening in D25 by visiting www.sd25.org/Stories

IMAGES: Left: South Middle School's student council coordinated a Toys for Tots drive this past December resulting in the donation of 8 large boxes of toys. Right: This Patton Panther is working hard on her WOW (Wonderful Original Works of Art) Art project in Mrs. Maloney's class.





Dear Arlington Heights School District 25 Community:

Together today to transform tomorrow!

On behalf of the 850 dedicated staff members in Arlington Heights School District 25, it is an honor to be a part of the Arlington Heights community. Due to the support of our community, District 25 is an incredible place to learn and an incredible place to work.

We are committed to cultivating a personalized environment of excellence that prepares every learner, every day, for a better tomorrow. Our students' futures start here, with a village of people who care deeply about empowering an inclusive, diverse community of learners so they can innovate and thrive as global citizens.

As we celebrate being together today in this strong community, it is my honor to also share our plans for the future with you because it is time to transform the learning environment to better support our children as they learn and grow.

Throughout this *Insight25* publication, you will learn about our referendum question on the July 28, 2022 Election Day ballot. We are eager to hear from our community as we seek to impact our community's future for generations to come by supporting our children right now.

Fondly,

Lori D. Bein, Ed.D. – Superintendent
#d25ItsPersonal

IMAGE ABOVE: Dr. Bein is entering her ninth year as Superintendent of Arlington Heights School District 25.

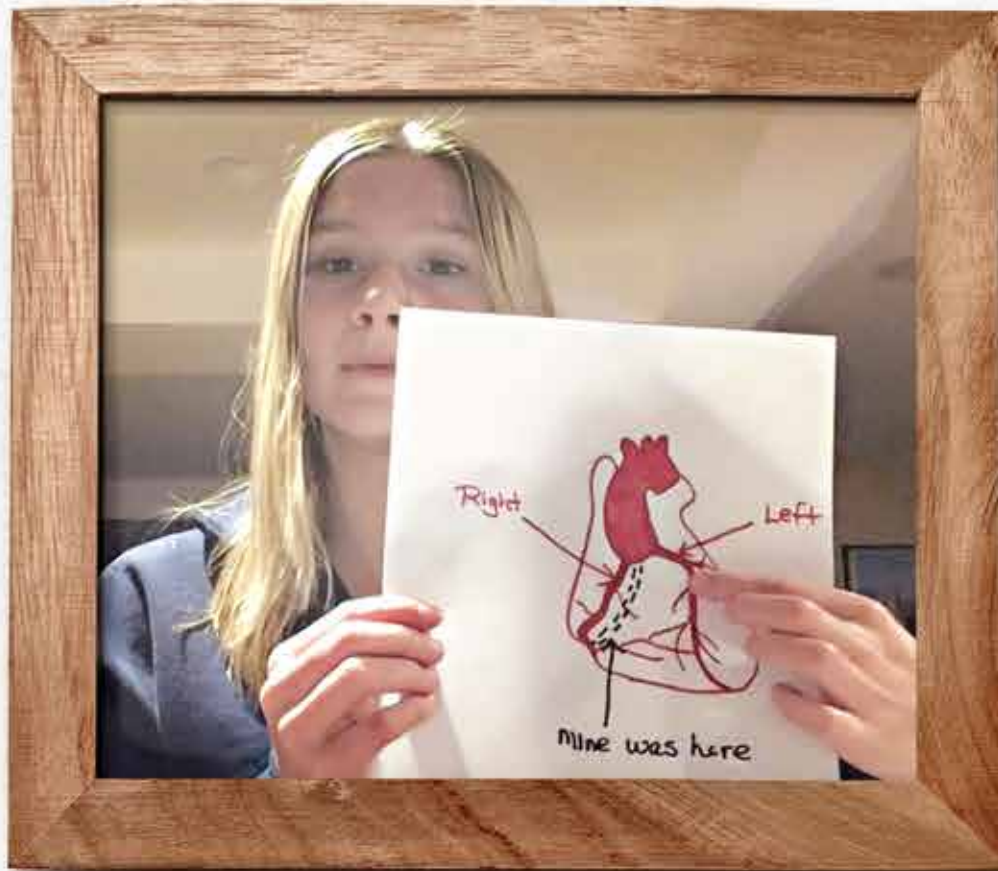
#d25Features

STORIES ABOUT THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT 25

#d25Features is a curated way of sharing who we are in District 25 with the public.

We focus on visually telling our story using interviews from students, staff, alumni, and community members, and clips taken all around District 25 that are then edited into a feature piece. Our intention with #d25Features is to create a more in depth look at who we are in District 25, through the individual people that make up this amazing District. Come dive beneath the surface level with us as we highlight these impactful stories happening right here, right now.

COME AND GET TO KNOW US THROUGH THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT 25!



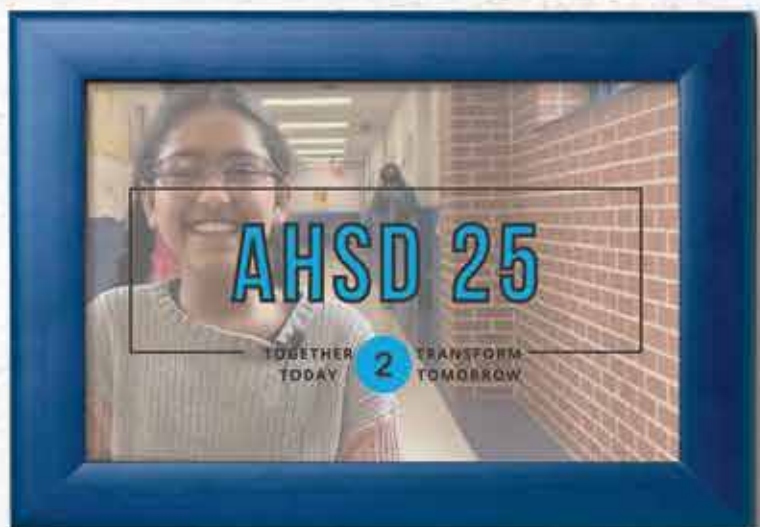
EVA'S HEART

This District 25 Alumna discovered her heart problems in the 5th grade with the help of one of our teachers. Years later, she's back at Greenbrier to share her story and inspire everyone to stay healthy and participate in the Kids Heart Challenge!



TOGETHER TODAY 2 TRANSFORM TOMORROW

With the adoption of our new 2021-2025 strategic plan, comes our new slogan. A way of life for us, Together Today 2 Transform Tomorrow, is already inspiring our kids and staff.



MR. FRANK'S HEART OF GOLD

*"Mr. Frank is kind, helpful,
and our superhero!"*

Congratulations to Frank
Rojas, Windsor's Facilities
Operations Manager, for
receiving this year's
Arlington Heights Heroic
Hearts of Gold award! Mr.
Frank is loved by...
everyone! Especially the
kiddos at Windsor. Take a
look at what they had to
say about Mr. Frank.



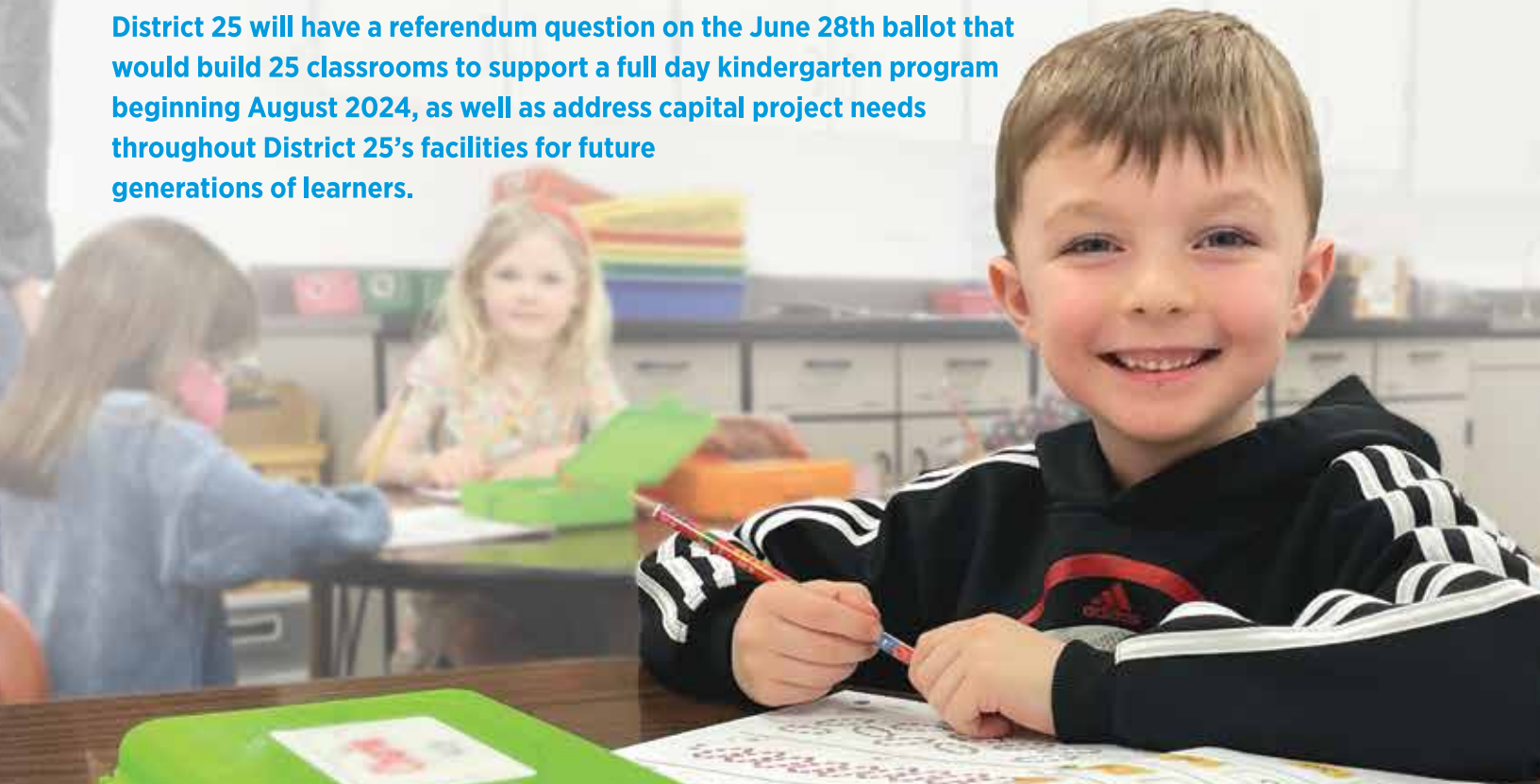
PHAMILY NINJAS

From their backyard in
Arlington Heights to the
big screen, check out
how this PHAMily is
making their Olive and
Thomas teachers and
classmates proud on this
season of American
Ninja Warrior Junior!



WHY DOES DISTRICT 25 NEED A \$75 MILLION REFERENDUM?

District 25 will have a referendum question on the June 28th ballot that would build 25 classrooms to support a full day kindergarten program beginning August 2024, as well as address capital project needs throughout District 25's facilities for future generations of learners.



FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN

Build 25 classrooms to support full day kindergarten at the neighborhood schools.



Provides significantly more opportunities for early learners, especially those from lower income families, to receive high quality education.

Increases opportunities to provide play-based support services that help educate the whole child.

Provides high quality social emotional learning for early learners.

Aligns District 25 with its many neighboring districts who are already offering full day kindergarten. It is important that District 25 offers the same educational opportunities for young learners as the other districts in the area.

Begins in August 2024.

AGING FACILITY NEEDS

Address long term capital projects needed to maintain our facilities for future years.



Our buildings are aging and have infrastructure needs.

We cannot keep paying for our capital projects out of our reserve.

Ensure our buildings remain reliable and functional for the future.

Include system improvements across the district: Life safety improvements, HVAC & Boilers, Electrical, Roofing, Plumbing, Security, Paving, and more!

CAPACITY & LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Ensure classroom occupancy rates to allow for program flexibility and future growth.



Ensure buildings can absorb future enrollment growth.

Gym expansions at Westgate and Dryden to support building functionality.


Flexibility to adapt learning environments.

IMAGE ABOVE: This Olive kindergartener works on enhancing his math skills.



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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

\$75 MILLION REFERENDUM  **\$25 PER MONTH \$400,000 HOME (20 YEARS)**

The \$75 million will provide for the District as we build the necessary space in our buildings to host a full day kindergarten program beginning in the 2024-25 school year. The amount would also provide for the District as we complete capital projects that the various buildings in the District are projected to need over the next five years.



BOND RATING AAA

1 of only 91 districts nationwide. Having a AAA rating means lower borrowing costs for the District.



BALANCED OPERATING BUDGET



2ND LOWEST TAX RATE

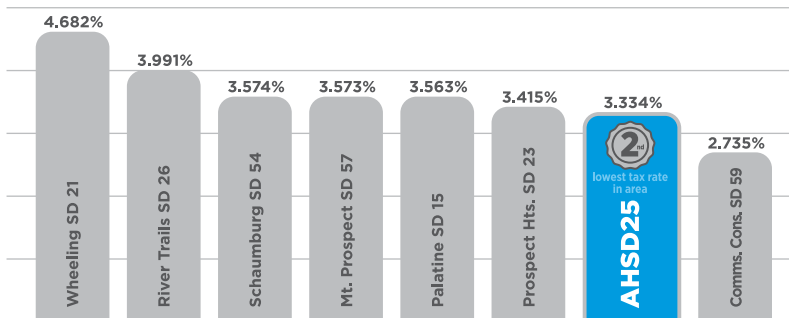
of all neighboring K-8 school districts.



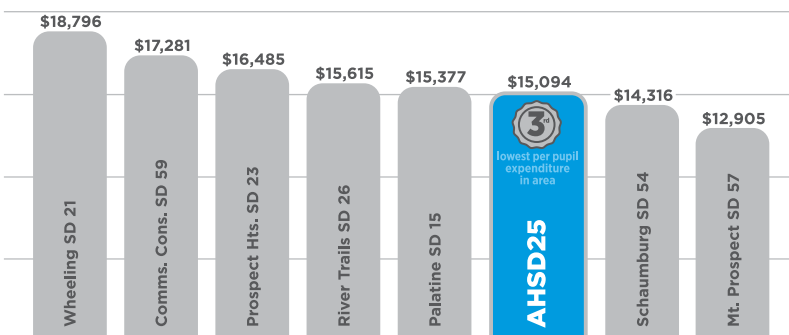
CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE

in financial reporting for 29 straight years. (Association of School Business Officials International)

TAX RATES 2020



OPERATING EXPENSE PER PUPIL



District 25 efficiently and responsibly allocates the District's resources to directly impact the classroom.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY & EFFICIENCY

Arlington Heights School District 25's Department of Business believes in transparency and has respect for the constituents' tax dollars. Our Assistant Superintendent of Business/CS-BO, Stacey Mallek, takes her job and the responsibility she has with the funds of our community personally.

"I was born and raised here and I feel that I have the same values as our community. I feel like District 25 is my home."

- Stacey Mallek, Asst. Supt. Business/CSBO

CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW



**25 CLASS
ROOMS**

**2 GYMNASIUM
EXPANSIONS**
AT DRYDEN & WESTGATE

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ACROSS ALL DISTRICT BUILDINGS

Our buildings are aging and in need of important and costly life safety and capital project updates. These updates include HVAC & Boilers, electrical, roofing, plumbing, security, paving, and other upgrades and improvements.

Our school district is a destination for students and families.

We've achieved this while remaining one of the most fiscally responsible school districts in Illinois.

The \$75 million referendum would fund a construction plan that would build the space needed for a full day kindergarten program as well as ensure our buildings have the space and are in the condition to continue to support the always growing Arlington Heights community.



For details on the various building infrastructure projects and more information regarding the kindergarten expansion, please visit us at this link.



VOTING

Where, When, How?

It's that time again to let your voice be heard at the polls. This year's election, however, is a little different. Rather than the election being held in March, like usual, this election is being held in late June. This is due to Senate Bill 25, passed by the Illinois General Assembly in 2021 that moved the primary election date in Illinois from March 15 to June 28.

The reason for the move was to accommodate the delayed 2020 Census data, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This page is a quick guide on how you can make sure your voice is heard on June 28.



VOTE ON JUNE 28th!

IMAGES ON OPPOSITE PAGE: Top: This is an example of an aging parking lot infrastructure. Bottom: The referendum plans will address aging HVAC system infrastructure.

CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION STATUS & YOUR LOCAL POLLING PLACE

Use this link to verify your voter information, find your polling place, and other voter information.



GOING ON VACATION? VOTE EARLY!

The June 28 election falls right before the July 4 holiday weekend. You might be heading out of town, or you might not have time to head out and vote as you prepare for the holiday weekend. If that is the case, consider voting early. You can vote early at the Arlington Heights Village Hall 7 days a week beginning June 13, and at the Rolling Meadows Court-house (room 238) beginning June 1.

You can vote early at the Arlington Heights Village Hall at the times in the chart below.

EARLY VOTING TIMES AT THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS VILLAGE HALL 33 S. Arlington Heights Rd

June 13 - June 18 9:00am - 5:00pm	June 19 10:00am - 4:00pm
June 20 - June 24 9:00am - 7:00pm	June 25 9:00am - 5:00pm
June 26 10:00am - 4:00pm	June 27 9:00am - 7:00pm

OUT OF TOWN? VOTE BY MAIL!

Any registered suburban Cook County voter with a driver's license, State ID, or social security number can request a mail ballot using an online application that can be found at the link to the right.



New Look, Same District

UPDATED LOGO TO TELL OUR STORY

With the adoption of the District's new Strategic Plan 21-25, and the District getting back to "school as usual" out of the pandemic, came an opportunity to give our logo a lift, and a visual new start to District 25.

Arlington Heights School District 25's Department of Communications worked with our community partner and designer, Tom Riesing, and with the Administration/Cabinet team this year to redesign the District 25 logo. The main goal of this redesign was to find a new logo that told the district's story. After several rounds of design, feedback, redesign, and more feedback, the District found its new logo and colors! Take a tour around the new logo!

This new logo incorporates the familiar 'A' and 'H' as a nod to the old logo.



The modern looking school house was important because it represents District 25 and the Arlington Heights community as people experience it: connected to its roots, yet always moving forward.

***This will proudly be
District 25's logo for
years to come.***



**ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
SCHOOL DISTRICT 25**

The arrow at the top pointing up tells a story of our District always moving forward, raising the bar for our students, staff and our community. It also serves as the bell to the school house.

This new logo tells more of the District's story as it is shaped as a welcoming, inviting, and community-driven school house.



The colors are a nod to our old logo with the blue and two base colors (charcoal and grey) to allow versatility moving forward. The charcoal outline also allows the District to fill the inside of the logo with the different school colors to show we are all District 25, and each school represents their own section of the community.

We want to thank, as always, Mr. Riesing for dedicating his time and skills to making this project come to life. Mr. Riesing grew up in Arlington Heights, went to Dryden Elementary and South Middle School, is a current community member and husband to one of our teachers. He has been working with the district for a long time, and he was also the graphic designer that created each of the currently used school logos. The Department of Communications would also like to thank the entire Cabinet team for their dedicated feedback and interest in this project.

"Get 2 Know" Your Board

Earlier this year the Department of Communications began a podcast series called Get 2 Know Ya - District 25's Board of Education. The goal of this podcast is to create a space and platform for our community to get to know our Board members more. Who are they outside of Board meetings? Why do they serve? Why did they decide to live in Arlington Heights? What do they want Arlington Heights to know about them that they don't already know?

The podcasts are released and housed on the District's SoundCloud page and can be listened to by visiting www.sd25.org/G2KY.



Connect Online

Live Broadcast of Meetings: The District 25 Board of Education meetings are broadcasted live via YouTube. The link to each meeting is available the week of the meeting on our website (www.sd25.org/BoardAgenda) and is posted on our social media platforms (fb.com/ahsd25 & twitter.com/ahsd25).

boARDBuzz Meeting Recap: After each meeting, District 25's Department of Communications compiles and emails a recap of the happenings at the Board of Education meeting. To view these recaps visit our website (www.sd25.org/CatchUpOnMeetings), or to sign up to receive these recaps, email our Head of Communications & Storytelling, Adam Harris (aharris@sd25.org).

Meeting Recordings: The recordings of the meetings are archived on our website (www.sd25.org/CatchUpOnMeetings).

Email us: Sending an email to BoardFeedback@sd25.org will reach the entire Board at once. The Board President will respond to emails and phone calls on behalf of the Board of Education.

Full Day Kindergarten

The District 25 Board of Education has held six meetings since March of 2021 to deliberately and intentionally discuss the possibility of Full Day Kindergarten.

March 8, 2021

Kindergarten Research Plan

September 2, 2021

Background research; planning for facilities, staffing, location, community input

December 16, 2021

Timeline & Costs

February 3, 2022

Facilities Options

March 8, 2022

Community Input | Finance | Timeline

March 17, 2022

Full Day Kindergarten - Action



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FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE

Select the days you want to work.

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These Westgate Wolverines participated in this year's Arbor Day celebrations at Pioneer Park, hosted by the Arlington Heights Park District.

